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1. CURRENT LAOTIAN ROUTE CAPACITIES RECEIVED FROM DIA AND ACCEPTED [] AS FOLLOWS (DRY SEASON/WET SEASON IN TONS/DAY): ROUTES 23 - 300/0; ROUTE 911 - 550/70; ROUTE 912 - 200/40; ROUTE 914 - 200/40; AND ROUTES 92 AND 96 (BETWEEN ROUTES 914 AND 165) - 300/0.

2. CAPACITIES OTHER STRATEGIC ROUTES STILL BEING EXAMINED, IN PARTICULAR ROUTE 12 THROUGH MU GIA AND ROUTE 922.

3. PURPOSE OF [] PRESENT BRIEFING TO PRESENT A "PLAN BY WHICH ENEMY MOST PROBABLY SUPPLIES 55 TONS DAILY THROUGH LAOS INTO SOUTH VIETNAM". [] DOES NOT BELIEVE EXTERNAL REQUIREMENT TO BE THAT HIGH OR THAT THE QUANTITIES ACTUALLY BEING DELIVERED ARE AS HIGH AS 55 TONS DAILY. SATISFACTION OF THIS REQUIREMENT THROUGH LAOS WOULD REQUIRE TRAFFIC FAR

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TO IN EXCESS OF ANY ESTIMATES OF ACTUAL VOLUMES MOVING, DESCRIPTION OF TRANSPORT NETWORK AND RELAY SYSTEM IS ACCEPTABLE. TRUCK REQUIREMENT APPEARS TOO HIGH AND BICYCLE REQUIREMENT TOO LOW, THESE NUMBERS CAN'T BE CHECKED WITHOUT MORE DETAILS REGARDING ASSUMPTIONS. DISREGARD OF REQUIREMENTS FOR FORCES AND WORKERS IN LAOS UTTERLY UNREALISTIC. ☐ AGREES WITH OVERALL CONCLUSION THAT, IN SPITE OF AIR INTERDICTION, ~~XXXX~~ LOGISTICAL SYSTEM CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING FORCES AT AN AVERAGE OF 55 TONS DAILY INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. ☐ THINKS SYSTEM WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE AT LEAST THIS CAPABILITY PROVIDING THE ENEMY PUTS FORTH ENOUGH EFFORT TO COUNTER ~~XX~~ OUR AIR ATTACKS.

4. LATTER PART OF BRIEFING MAKES SUGGESTIONS FOR PRIMARY COURSE OF ACTION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ENEMY LOGISTICAL VULNERABILITIES (I.E., LENGTH OF LOC'S, LIMITED NUMBERS OF MOTORABLE ROUTES, PROXIMITY OF ROUTES TO FRIENDLY AREAS, ETC).

☐ BELIEVES ENEMY LOGISTIC SYSTEM LESS VULNERABLE THAN DESCRIBED, ~~MAXXX~~ MAINLY BECAUSE VOLUME OF SUPPLIES DELIVERED

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TO SOUTH VIETNAM IS LESS THAN 55 TONS AND ENEMY HAS MANY
ALTERNATE ROUTES AND MEANS TO MAKE DELIVERY. ON BASIS
OF EXPERIENCE IN OBSERVING PAST INTERDICTION PROGRAMS

☐ WOULD ADVISE EXTREME CAUTION IN THE PREDICTION OF
SUCCESS TO BE HOPED FOR OR EXPECTED FROM ANY INTERDICTION
EFFORT.

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